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*We are a global community, learning and growing together.*

**Tuesday, 30 October 2018**

### PTA

**We have** some Run Jericho T Shirts if you need them for PE. We also have some jogging bottoms and hoodies that would be ideal for PE outside. We have lots in age 5 – 6 years. Please ask at the office.

Prices T Shirt - £5.00  
Jogging bottoms- £8.00  
Hoodies - £10.00

### **Dear Families,**

Thank to everyone, pupils, staff, Governors and parents for such a positive start to the school year. New pupils, families and staff have settled in so quickly. This term will be busy with Year 6 going on their first residential to Yenworthy on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. We then have some events for the children to take part in. The Christmas Fair on 7<sup>th</sup> December where classes, children and families run stalls. Then in the evening, we have the disco.

We have a wonderful new PTA committee. Thank you so much to the previous committee for all their work and the huge contribution they have made to the school.

The new committee have a list of events and we will be sending out a calendar of events shortly.

**Donating to school:** If you would like to help, we are currently trying to buy class sets of novels, each class in KS2 will read at least 4 novels together during the year. A set of books cost approximately £192.00. Ideally, we want the same version of the novel so we have added a donation box to ParentMail +Pay for books. It is a voluntary contribution, I will let you know about the books we purchase with the money raised. The focus area will be KS2, but all children will experience the books by the time they have left the school.

*Thanks to the **overwhelming generosity (and continual donations)** of so many of you we will be ordering another set of class books. With the contributions from the Travelling Book Fair we completed the set of Iron Man books Mr Cameron needed for Year 4.*

St Barnabas is introducing houses! Our Houses are: Heron, Kingfisher, Otter and Newt. Each house is honoured with a poem from 'The Lost Words' by Robert McFarlane and Jackie Morris. This book of spells about nature is a book many of our children enjoy and a favourite amongst our staff. It seeks to acquaint children with vocabulary of the natural world and the rhythm of poetry.

Each child will belong to one of our four houses. Siblings will be in the same house. Children collect points from Staff for good behaviour, hard work and positive attitude. Each Tuesday the points will be collected from each class and counted. The winning house will be announced in each Wednesday's Collective Worship.

**Remembrance Day:** Poppies will be available for sale next week.

## **Our value is Responsibility**

### **Our new School Council**

**Zora – Chair and Jayden – Secretary,  
Year 1 - Miranda and Keito, Year 2 -  
Abigail and Zoli, Year 3 - Millie and Daniel,  
Year 4 -Jooha and Ido, Year 5 - Lilly and  
Moritz, Year 6 - Salvador and Ines.  
Our first mission is Children in Need on 16<sup>th</sup>  
November**

Please can I remind everyone we are a **nut and seed free school**. Please respect this for all events – cake sales, International Evening, Fete, birthday treats etc. Thank you. We have successfully managed this for 3 years as we have all worked together and I know we will continue to do so.

### **Family Collective Worship**

On Wednesday you are welcome to join us in the hall for Collective Worship. Children share work and we celebrate achievements in work in the Silver Book for and for kind acts to the school community the children are in the Gold Book. When it is your child's birthday they come out to the front and we sing Happy Birthday.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October Music concert for at 9.15am for FSU Year 1, Year 3, Year 5. Thank you to everyone that took part and to Mrs Garrod for coordinating the event,

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October Meet the School Council and our Eco teams Thank you to all the children that are representing the school.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Maths

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November Year 5

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November Charity- Children in Need

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Philosophy for Children P4C

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November Year 4

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Year 3

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Yenworthy Year 6

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Music Concert 9.15am for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Christmas

### Dates

Flu Vaccinations (F1 to Year 5) Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 to Yenworthy  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 to take part in the Christmas Lantern Procession.

**Parent Consultations from 12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** We usually have the consultations for a week but Year 6 will be away so we have extended the time to two weeks. Staff, when they have decided on their specific days will let you know at the start of next term so you can sign up for a consultation. Staff are always very obliging and will find an alternative time if you cannot make the slots given.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fair 1.30pm – 4pm and Christmas Disco 6pm -7.30pm**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December Rock Steady Concert 9am**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** KS1 Nativity at St Barnabas' Church– donations of mince pies would be appreciate on the day.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December FSU Christmas Concert 10.30am in the hall.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December wear a Christmas Jumper to school and raise money for Save the Children.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December Panto at Oxford Playhouse – Dick Whittington

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Music Concert Year2, Year 4 and Year 6

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party

### Farewell Fiona Young

We will be saying goodbye to Fiona Young, who will be retiring at the end of this term.

If anyone would like to make a donation contribution towards a gift for her, please pass it onto the school office or your class teachers. Any donations would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

**ParentMail** - We are pleased to tell you that all of our Dinner and After School Club transactions are now up to date on ParentMail.

School Dinners are £2.20 per meal for children in Years 3-6 and should be paid in advance. Dinners are updated weekly on Fridays.

You can pay for dinners via cash or cheque at the office, but our preferred method is via ParentMail, where you can check your balance for dinners taken and make top up payments on line.

You should receive a notification when your balance drops under 1p. **Please help us by making your payments promptly** as it is very time consuming for the office to chase outstanding balances.

### Trips and Visits

Our office staff are working very hard to support the efficient running of the school and to assist parents with queries and requests promptly. We are spending a lot of time chasing outstanding permission slips for trips and visits which takes us away from other tasks. **Please help us by returning permission slips for school trips promptly.** Children are unable to attend trips and visits without permission from a Parent or Carer.

Trips and visits during school hours are funded by voluntary contributions. No child will be excluded from an activity because parents are unable to pay. This does however mean that if insufficient contributions are raised, the trip in question, or future trips may have to be cancelled. *Please help us by making any voluntary contributions promptly*, this will enable us to make timely decisions on the viability of running the trip and will again reduce the need for our staff to spend time requesting contributions from those who have not paid.

I am aware that many parents regularly return payments and permission slips promptly which really we do appreciate.

### Term Dates 2018-2019

Half term ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm  
The second half of term starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Term ends on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1:30pm  
Term 2 starts Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Term ends Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm  
The second half of term starts on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Term 2 ends on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm

Term 3 starts on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
Half term ends on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm

Inset day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Term starts on 4<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 ends on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm



**HELP PREVENT LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY  
EMERGENCIES**

List of allergens in our school:

Kiwi  
Peanuts  
Sesame Seeds  
Tree Nuts

Students come to school with diverse medical conditions, some serious and even life threatening, that can impact their learning and their health. Exposure to an allergen can create an emergency situation where the student faces life-threatening anaphylaxis within moments.

An allergic reaction begins when an allergen comes in to contact with the mucous membrane of a predisposed person. This can be by eating, inhaling, or by rubbing the mouth, nose, eyes, or a cut with traces of an allergen on their hands.

Currently there is no cure for food allergies and strict avoidance is the only way to prevent a reaction. Protecting a person from exposure to offending allergens is the most important way to prevent life-threatening anaphylaxis. Avoidance of exposure to allergens is the key to preventing a reaction.

The risk of accidental exposure or cross-contamination is always present. Most anaphylactic reactions that occur in schools are due to food allergies. School is a high-risk setting for accidental contact with a food allergen, due to such factors as allergens in packed lunches or in food brought in for celebratory events, that could result in accidental ingestion or contamination of tables, desks, and other surfaces.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing vigilance of not bringing allergens in to school and for creating and maintaining a healthy, safe, and inclusive school.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Hawkins